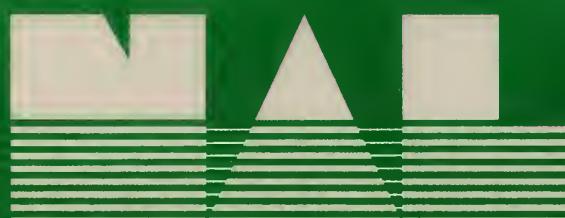


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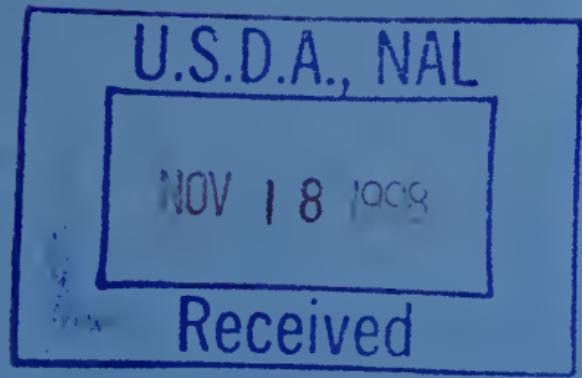
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The Challenge



1935

Poor land...poor people...

—average yearly income \$194.00

—average price per acre of cropland \$23.00

—only 28% of the farmers could afford automobiles

—37% of the farms were mortgaged

—many cultivated acres had lost as much as 3,620 tons of topsoil

—545,600 acres of formerly productive land lay idle

—965,000 acres were barren and gullied

The Response



1944

In an effort to reclaim the ravaged lands of north central Mississippi, Congress passed the Flood Control Act of 1944 which established the Y-LT Project.

The Y-LT resulted in the coordinated effort among the U.S. Forest Service, Soil Conservation Districts, Soil Conservation Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Extension Service, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Mississippi Forestry Association, pulp and lumber industries and other cooperating agencies working together with private landowners to rehabilitate the land and stabilize the economy.

The Achievement



1976

To date, 765,636,000 loblolly pine seedlings have been planted on 674,146 acres involving 15,000 private landowners in the 19-county area of the Y-LT. The major benefits resulting from the reforestation program include:

- reduced soil erosion
- reduced flooding
- enhanced environment
- and, overall, the greatly improved economy of the Y-LT area.



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